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DISTRICT OF WYOMING

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WESTERN ENERGY ALLIANCE and  
PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF WYOMING,

Petitioners,

v.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., in his official capacity as President of the  
United States; DEB HAALAND, in her official capacity as  
Secretary of the Interior; and THE UNITED STATES BUREAU  
OF LAND MANAGEMENT,

Respondents, and

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, *et al.* ("Conservation  
Groups"), and ALTERRA MOUNTAIN COMPANY, *et al.*  
("Business Coalition"),

Intervenor-Respondents.

No. 21-CV-13-SWS  
(Lead Case)

STATE OF WYOMING,

Petitioner,

v.

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR;  
DEBRA ANNE HAALAND, in her official capacity as  
Secretary of the Interior; THE BUREAU OF LAND  
MANAGEMENT; NADA CULVER, in her official capacity  
as Acting Director of the Bureau of Land Management; and  
KIM LIEBHAUSER, in her official capacity as the Acting  
Director of the Wyoming State Bureau of Land Management,

Respondents, and

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, *et al.* ("Conservation  
Groups"), and ALTERRA MOUNTAIN COMPANY, *et al.*  
("Business Coalition"),

Intervenor-Respondents.

No. 21-CV-56-SWS  
(Joined Case)

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE CASES**


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This matter comes before the Court on the State of Wyoming's Motion to Consolidate Civil Cases (21CV56 Doc. 52). Having considered the motion and reviewed the records in each case, the Court finds the cases involve common questions of law and fact, and consolidation would encourage efficient administration of the issues while conserving resources. Consequently, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a) and Local Civil Rule 42.1, the Court will grant the motion and consolidate the cases.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the State of Wyoming's Motion to Consolidate Civil Cases (21CV56 Doc. 52) is **GRANTED**. Case Numbers 21-CV-13-SWS and 21-CV-56-SWS are hereby consolidated under Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Case No. 21-CV-13-SWS shall be the lead case, as reflected in the caption above. For ease of administration, **all further pleadings shall be filed in Case No. 21-CV-13-SWS**, and no further pleadings should be filed in Case No. 21-CV-56. Any further pleadings received by the Clerk of Court for Case No. 21-CV-56 shall be filed in Case No. 21-CV-13.

**ORDERED:** May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

  
Scott W. Skavdahl  
United States District Judge